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AMENDMENT D AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Sir:

This amendment for the patent application identified above is in response to the Office action dated September 25, 2007, which set a shortened statutory period for response that expires on December 25, 2007. Kindly amend this application as indicated herein.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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